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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

**(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231		Attorney Docket No.:1075.1112	
First Named Inventor	Yuichi ARITA, et al.		
Application No.	09/268,999	Group Art Unit	2123
Filing Date	March 16, 1999	Examiner	K. Thangavelu
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	9272
Title of Invention	SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

2.

Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. Other

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	BASIC FEE	\$	750.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>January 24, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970));			820.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			
Total of above Calculations =		\$	1570.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$	1570.00

4. Small entity status:

a. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

b. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.

c. is no longer claimed.

5. Other:

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6. METHOD OF PAYMENT

A check in the amount of \$ \$1570.00 is enclosed.

Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:

Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME	James T. Strom	REGISTRATION NO.	48,702
SIGNATURE		DATE	8 April 2003

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